

JOA – Gurkha Welfare Trust 2024



Project	Construction of a School
Location	Nepal
Dates	Friday 5 th April – Sunday 21 st April 2024
Group size	14

Aim and Context of the Project

Since 1969, the Gurkha Welfare Trust (GWT), through its in-country field arm the Gurkha Welfare Scheme (GWS), has been working in Nepal to provide aid for Gurkha ex-servicemen, their dependents, and their communities. Through a network of 21 Area Welfare Centres (AWC) in the traditional Gurkha recruiting areas, each of which is manned for 365 days of the year by former Gurkha officers and soldiers, GWS staff deliver financial, medical and development assistance to pensioners and the wider community.

Since 1969, the Gurkha Welfare Trust has built and repaired schools, installed water systems in over 1,400 remote villages, provided medical and health facilities, and provided a monthly pension to retired Gurkha soldiers or their widows who have no other income or means of support.

The Gurka Welfare Trust School Programme is one of the longest running programmes of the organisation. Since 1989, 182 Major School Constructions, 246 Minor School Extensions and 2,594 Minor School refurbishments have been undertaken. As a result, the GWT have worked in over 1,700 villages and benefitted over 220,000 students – over 40,000 children benefitted last year alone. The aim is to provide safe learning environments to build a brighter future for Nepal's children.

Project Details

Responsibilities/Activities: With support from local project partners, JOA's volunteers will assist in the construction of a Major School Project situated at Hupsekot-4, Sankhadev in Nawalparasi. It will be hard work, but there is a job to suit every ability. Participation on this project will enable volunteers to work with an iconic organisation, learn about the beneficiaries' daily lives and, the central role community plays in an ever-changing social landscape. Volunteers will be working with local community volunteers and builders, supervised by the GWT, Area Welfare Centre, Chitwan.

Accommodation – Volunteers will be sleeping in a local community centre, in the grounds of the building compound with basic camping beds or roll mats. Volunteers will need to work together with local Sherpas to cook evening meals and prepare food for the group.